

GEDION W. TEKLEWOLDE,

Plaintiff,

vs.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, NORTH
CAROLINA STATE POLICE,

Defendants.

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A district court must generally review de novo those portions of a magistrate judge's memorandum and recommendation to which specific objections have been filed. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). However, de novo review is unnecessary "when a party makes general and conclusory objections that do not direct the court to a specific error in the magistrate's proposed findings and recommendations." Orpiano v. Johnson, 687 F.2d 44, 47 (4th Cir. 1982). In the present case, the plaintiff's objections are general and conclusory.

This Court is under an obligation to read a pro se litigant's objections broadly rather than narrowly, id. at 48, but even a broad reading of the plaintiff's objections cannot transform them into something they are not. The plaintiff argues that he wanted to plead "not guilty" during an earlier court hearing, but that he was forced to negotiate with the state because he did not want to delay the court date. He does not, however, make any objections to the magistrate judge's findings of fact that he (i) in fact pleaded "responsible" to speeding charges, and that such a plea constitutes an admission of guilt, and (ii) that Trooper Dowell was therefore entitled to qualified immunity under § 1983.

After a careful review of the Memorandum and Recommendation, the Court finds that the magistrate judge's proposed findings of fact are supported by the record and that the proposed conclusions of law are consistent with current case law. Accordingly, the Court hereby accepts the magistrate judge's recommendation.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendant's Motion to Dismiss (Doc. No. 4) be **GRANTED** and Plaintiff's Complaint be **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE**.

Signed: October 16, 2007

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert J. Conrad, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

Robert J. Conrad, Jr.
Chief United States District Judge

